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Message from the Premier

I take great pleasure in extending my best wishes to everyone enjoying the communal and spiritual activities of the Holy Melbourne Annual Multi-Faith Concert.

In a time when fear and uncertainty threatens to divide our population, concerts such as this provide a welcome opportunity for people of all faiths, cultures and creeds to come together and celebrate their common humanity.

The program for tonight's concert promises to lead audiences on a harmonious journey through our multicultural community. Featuring elements of Koori spirituality and traditional sacred music of major faith groups, the extraordinary richness and diversity of Victoria will be on show. It is a positive reflection of Victoria's harmonious and culturally diverse society that this is the only concert of its kind in Australia.

I commend the organisers for their leadership and dedication for organising this year's activities, and look forward to attending this year's concert.

On behalf of the Victorian Government, I offer my congratulations to the Cosmic Harmony Foundation, organisers of the Holy Melbourne Annual Multi-Faith concert, and extend my best wishes to everyone attending for an enjoyable and uplifting evening.

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ANNUAL MULTI-FAITH CONCERT

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2006

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It is my pleasure to join you in supporting the Holy Melbourne Annual Multi-faith Concert, a much anticipated occasion on the Victorian calendar.

Our state is home to people who originate from over 200 countries; speak over 180 different languages, including over 45 indigenous languages; and follow more than 110 religions.

As the only event of its kind across Australia, the Concert continues to foster meaningful links between our different faith communities in a unique celebration of harmony and understanding.

I commend the organisers, the Harmony Foundation Victoria and the Unity in Diversity Association, for their commitment to the spiritual and cultural traditions of all Victorians, and I congratulate the many sponsors and artists who have contributed their time and talent in support of this event.

My best wishes to the participants of the Holy Melbourne Annual Multi-faith Concert. I am sure that you will all enjoy what promises to be a most entertaining evening.

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I send my best wishes to everyone affiliated with the Cosmic Harmony Foundation as you prepare for this year's *We are the World* concert.

Here in Victoria, our cultural diversity is our most precious asset.

And we will always support the organisations that uphold the values of tolerance, compassion, and openness.

This event brings together more than 120 of our best musicians, choirs and vocalists to celebrate our diversity and promote harmony through music.

I commend the Foundation's dedicated leadership team for their work in bringing not only this important event to life – but for their work over so many years.

On behalf of the Victorian Government, I wish every attendee and performer a memorable evening.

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier